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REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendments to the claims and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 4-25 are currently pending in this application with claims 1 amended and claim 6 cancelled herein. No new matter has been added. The examiner is thanked for indicating that claims 14, 20, and 21 contain allowable subject matter and would allowed if rewritten in independent form.

The office action rejects claims 1, 4-13, 15-19, and 22-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2002/012327 to Okada in view of U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2002/0009066 to Shimizu. Withdrawal of this rejection in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is requested.

The instant office action alleges that Okada discloses a mobile node supporting router in paragraph 155, which is between the mobile node and the host and therefore has a home and foreign interface, with the binding information including an association between the home address and output interface in paragraphs 150 and 155 and Fig. 11, and that while Okada does not disclose the binding information including the care-of address, Shimizu discloses binding information in a foreign interface associating the home address and the care-of address in Fig. 4.

As best understood, Shimizu teaches a route optimization that is expanded based on normal mobile IP and discloses binding information including a home address and a care-of address. However, it is respectfully submitted that Shimizu does not teach an output interface as recited in claim 1, as amended.

Claim 1, as amended, clarifies that that the encapsulating and outputting operations, by incorporating the recitations of original claim 6. That is, "the processor outputs the encapsulated packet based on the binding information stored in the encapsulating cache from the output

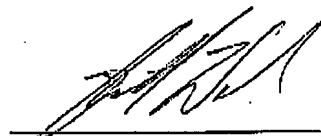
interface associated with the care-of address by the binding information," and thus clarifies the operation of the processor in the foreign link interface. Accordingly, it is believed that independent claim 1, as amended patentably distinguishes over the relied upon portions of Okada either alone or in combination with Shimizu. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

The rejected claims 4, 5, and 7-25 are also believed to be patentable at least because of their direct or indirect dependency from claim 1. Therefore, it is that claims 1, 4, 5, and 7-25 are allowable.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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